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I want to start this week by giving the contents of a paper that I prepared for the Womens Club. It has all been printed in this paper time and again but not as this particular collection. It seemed that I made a speech some time ago at some gathering in this city, and the request was to crystallize it for the Womens Club. And after it was read some one said to print it, and many wondered why they had not made the suggestion earlier in the meeting.

FIRST THINGS IN MARLINTON

The first settler was Jacob Marlin, and from him the town got its name. He was here in 1749, and nobody knows how much earlier. The place was first called Marlins Bottom. Changed in 1887 to Marlinton at the request of a Mrs. Skyles who moved here from Baltimore and who objected to the word Bottom as not being a nice word. The old timers were horrified when they found that the name had been changed on them overnight, so to speak, but the damage was done, and all appeals to Congress failed to undo the harm. The lady soon afterwards moved away but she left us christened with a new name. About twenty years ago the town almost unanimously petitioned Washington to change the name to McGraw. This change of name was refused because there was a postoffice in West Virginia by the name of McGraws. And so the name continues to be Marlinton, and it would be a bold bad citizen who would suggest a change of name now that a large and important town has developed under it, and has succeeded in acquiring more "good will" than any of the important centers of West Virginia.

The first court that I know of being held here was under an oak tree on the west side of the river above the bridge by Squire G. M. Kee. The first lawyer I ever heard plead in Marlinton was F. J. Snyder, a noted lawyer who lived in Huntersville. And he was opposed that day by L. M. McClintic, who is still with us, and who was just starting on his professional career.

The first term of the Circuit Court was held in June or October, 1893. The election to move the county seat from Huntersville to Marlinton was held in the fall of 1891, and a building at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street was erected which is still called the Temporary Court house. The judge was Judge A. N. Campbell, of Monroe county. He was a great lawyer. He was of commanding appearance. Over six feet tall, with a heavy black beard. He weighed three hundred and fifteen pounds.

The first sheriff of the county lived here, Major William Page. His house was near Eleventh Street on Camden Avenue. In this house was born James A. Moffatt, who was in his lifetime the president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The first postmaster was James Ataly Price. The first student to go to college from this place was the late Rev. Wm. T. Price, A. B., A. M., D. D., who was born here in 1830, and who departed this life here at the age of ninety-one years.

The first recorded land title was 480 acres taking in a great part of the level land which dates from a survey made in 1751, by Gen. Andrew Lewis. This land is mentioned in his will as being at the mouth of Ewings Creek, by which name Knapps Creek was first known. Too much cannot be made of this fact that Gen. Andrew Lewis owned the heart of this town from 1751 to his death some thirty years afterwards. He was a great general of the Revolutionary War, and George Washington was his distant ancestor. In those early days of Washington's life, there can be no doubt that this was one of his most familiar haunts.

The first bank to be established was the Bank of Marlinton, followed in a few weeks by the Pocahontas Bank, which afterwards became the First National.

The first newspaper was The Times. The first store was opened by J. R. Apperson in a house now occupied as a dwelling which stands directly opposite the entrance of the bridge on the west side of the river.

The first business of any kind established here was a combined sawmill and carding mill built by James A. Price before the Civil war and which was located in the low place called the slough along the boulevard leading to Campbelltown, just opposite the home of C. Pifer.

It was run by water power, and the water came from Stony Creek. An effort to augment this power by water from the Greenbrier River from an intake just below the mouth of Stony Creek failed, and the plant itself was washed away in the flood of 1877, which is the highest water of which there is any authentic record.

This mill was in charge of a man by the name of James E. A. Gibbs, who was a man of the tenant class, and who barely made a living for himself and a large family. In fact the main remembrance that the older people had of the family was the struggle that they had to keep from starving. It was during this time that Gibbs was working on his model for a sewing machine. He fashioned a working model out of wood from a laurel root, which developed the idea of the chain stitch sewing machine, which entitles him to the claim of being an inventor of first order. The lock stitch idea was advertised some few years earlier, but it did not entitle the inventor to the distinction of being the inventor of the sewing machine, for the people of this vicinity know the Gibbs' idea antedated the lock stitch, and was on a different idea. Gibbs carried his invention to the north and formed a partnership with a mechanic by the name of Wilcox, and the manufacture of the

machines began. Gibbs returned home, the Civil war broke out, the Gibbs family starved almost and at the end of five years Gibbs got back to Delaware, and found that Wilcox was turning out sewing machines at a great rate, and that the share of Gibbs had been put to his credit regularly in a bank, and from that time Gibbs came back for several visits. He was a very tall man—about six feet and seven inches, I think, wore a silk hat, and had the biggest nose that I ever saw on a human being. He said at that time he had taken out some one hundred and sixty three patents. The Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine is still one of the standard machines offered to the public, and I believe it is considered the very best for heavy sewing, such as leather. I am not sure about this.

One of the earliest stores was opened by Paul Golden who is still with us though not in the mercantile business. A sign that he had painted on the store in his early days caused some hilarity among the natives in the world. It read: "Go no farther to be cheated." The language is loose and capable of two constructions. Anyway it has the right to be grouped under the head of Commercial Candor.

The first school of which there is any authentic record was opened in a log cabin that stood near Riverside. It closed after a session or two. It was a private enterprise. There must have been some school earlier than that for one of the fields on Stony Creek has always been called the School House Meadow. Up to the eighties, the nearest school was Huntersville. In the eighties, the free school system having been established, a one room frame building was put up on the Price Run where the house of William Stewart now stands. Miss Emma Stewart, Judge Geo. W. McClintic, County Superintendent W. M. Mathews, Rev. Dr. Price, Squire Charles Cook, from Rhode Island, were some of the noted persons who taught in that little school house. The next school was a two room building, still standing, as the Ira Irvine building on the banks of Knapp Creek. The next was the present graded school building, a substantial brick, which has become too small though augmented by a still finer high school property. We had a great time building that eight roomed brick graded school, and there were many that predicted that there never would be a time when there was need of one half such a building. In fact even in that comparative recent time, it was very unusual to see a large school building.

The first teacher's institute was held in 1880 in the Presbyterian Church. The first church built was the Presbyterian church on the site of the present building. The first resident judge of the county, Judge S. H. Sharp. The first mayor of the town, Andrew Price. The first state senator, N. C. McNeel. The first Presidential Elector, Col. O. H. Kee. The first delegate to the legislature, L. M. McClintic. The first member of the county court, Dr. N. R. Price. The first chief of police, J. A. Sharp.

The first train to arrive at Marlinton was in the year 1900, on the completion of the track laying to this point. It was made a public ceremony and some thousands gathered here and they barbecued beef and had a celebration. They told at Ronceverte that night that when the train got here that the great crowd gathered around the locomotive, and that the engineer requested them to give him room to turn his train around and that they cleared a space of some acres. It was not true. Not even an original lie. Only a localized anecdote.

But for excitement over first events let me refer you to the first jail delivery, when Armstrong and Cumberland got out of jail at dusk one evening in the nineties. The jail had been completed and it was the modern idea of a strong jail, and it was confidently expected that it would hold any body. The county had suffered a series of bold robberies, and suspicion had attached to Alex. Armstrong, an intelligent colored man, a native of this county, who had removed to an Ohio town. It was thought that he raided this county regularly, and that he would come to the nearest railroad station, and make a quick trip into the county and return with his booty. This belief was so sure that the authorities waited and watched for him to return, and he showed up one winter day travelling incognito with a big burly strange negro. R. K. Burns arrested them and they were indicted and afterwards convicted of the robbery of Capt. A. M. Edgar, held up at the point of a revolver in his own house after nightfall.

They lulled the jailer into a sense of security and when they got between him and the door of the cage, they shut the door and left and got away. A large force of volunteers assembled in an hour or so and patrolled the roads all night, and found nothing. But the elements warred against the fugitives. It was summer time, but the night saw one of the heaviest rainfalls that this country ever experienced. The accused travelled many miles that night but they lost their way and daylight found them about two miles from town. They had wandered all night, confused by the great tempest and the net work of streams. They were exhausted. They took cover in the old Hamilton Chapel, on Stony Creek. They got as far as Laurel Creek about ten miles from Marlinton and surrendered to a volunteer posse and were brought in. They were pretty well starved.

Some of us old residents have never had a residence in any other town or city. And we feel that the only way that you can really know a town is to see it built. With the exception of the toll house and the McLaughlin house, I have seen every house built in this town. If I have not overlooked some old house or two in a hasty mental survey, yes a part of the B. M. Yeager house is older than that. That is a good deal to say for a town as substantial as Marlinton, with its court-house, bank buildings, school buildings, and churches. Especially the Methodist church now in the course of erection which will be one of the notable buildings of the

I often think of one of my boy friends many years ago saying that he had had a dream. That he seemed to be on top of Elk Mountain looking down over Marlins Bottom, and the bottom appeared to be roofed over. That is one dream that has come to pass.

Executors Sale Of Personal Property and Household Goods

Saturday, April 7, 1923 beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

The undersigned executor of the estate of the late H. D. Hively will sell at public auction at his late home on Thorny Creek, Pocahontas Co., W. Va., the following personal property and household goods— 2 cows with calves by side 2 cows to be fresh, 1 Hereford bull 2 year old steers 2 deep red twin yearling steers that would make fine oxen 5 yearlings, 4 steers, 1 heifer 29 ewes and 2 bucks 1 sow and some pigs, 3 shotes 1 Hercules stump puller 1 single and 1 double shovel plow 1 walking cultivator, 1 level land plow 1 hillside plow, 1 garden plow 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 road wagon Half-interest in spike tooth harrow Half-interest in grain drill, 1 buggy 1 spring wagon, set of double harness Cutting box, 3 mowing machines 1 hay rake, hay tedder, lot of forks 40 sap palls and 120 sap spouts 3 iron kettles, copper kettle 20 gals 1 apple mill, 1 barrel, 1 meat tub 1 corn sheller, sheep shearing machine 1 grindstone, lot carpenter tools 1 cross cut saw, 2 sausage mills 2 churns, stone jars, 1 farm bell some grain and potatoes, wheelbarrow 1 library, 1 stand table, 1 cupboard 1 dining table, 1 kitchen table 1 range, 1 heating stove, 1 watch 1 sewing machine, 1 grain cradle 1 phone and stock, 1 lounge, 10 chairs 1 new ear phone, and other things too tedious to mention.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash; over that amount one year time will be given with note with two good endorsers. W. A. HIVELEY, Executor, of H. D. Hively, deceased. Barlow, Auctioneer.

Chiropractic Dr. F. V. Loneragan has located in Marlinton for the practice of Chiropractic. Offices at the home of A. C. Hostie, on Camden Avenue, near the Marlinton Hotel, where he can be found at all times.

Application for Parole Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of April, 1923, an application will be made to Honorable E. F. Morgan, the Governor of West Virginia, for the parole of Gilbert Dille, who was sentenced on March 13, 1922, in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, to serve three years in the penitentiary, upon his confession of larceny.

NOTICE Draft No. 248, Elementary Teachers Fund, Kirtay District, Pocahontas County, W. Va., payable to me has been lost. After printing of this notice as required by law, the Board of Education will be asked to issue a duplicate. All parties are notified not to accept the above draft. BEN H. WELLS March 29, 1923

NOTICE TO TEACHERS The District Secretaries report to me that a very few teachers have turned in Enumeration Reports. These reports should be sent to Secretary soon after April 1st. A delay will greatly inconvenience the secretaries and myself. G. D. McNEEL, Co. Supt.

FOR SALE OR RENT 73 acres of grazing land, mostly all in sod, and all under fence, lying in Everts' District, on public road adjoining the land of L. B. Shrader and others. Anyone looking for a good grazing place will do well to see me. Will give good terms on same and possession will be given the first of April, 1923. B. C. SHRAEDER, Huntersville, W. Va.

Administrators Notice All persons having claims against the estate of A. B. Ware deceased will present them properly proven to the undersigned administrator for payment. All persons owing said estate will please prepare to settle at once. Given under my hand this 9th day of March 1923. J. D. MACE Adm. of A. B. Ware, Mace, W. Va.

Executors Notice Persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. Lettie Rogers, deceased, will file them with the undersigned properly proven. I will receive offers for the real estate willed to be sold, a house and lot in West Marlinton; all offers subject to approval of the legatees of the will, and with the right to reject any and all bids. This is the property occupied by Mrs. Rodgers in her life time. CALVIN W. PRICE, Executor

Fiduciary Notice Notice is hereby given that the final settlements of the accounts of W. J. Yeager, administrator of the estate of the late Peter D. Yeager, is before the undersigned Commissioner of Accounts of Pocahontas County, W. Va. T. S. McNEEL, Comr.

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Cattle Wanted FOR GRAZING I can graze 40 head of young cattle on my farm on Clover Creek this summer. LIGON PRICE, Marlinton, W. Va.

Spring Millinery All who are interested in their Easter Bonnets are invited to call on Miss Ella Pritchard at Dunmora and see the new pattern hats arriving every day until Easter. If you have a good last year's hat bring it and have it made over.

Land For Sale Farm of 102 acres on head of Laurel Creek at Woodrow post office. Part cleared and part out for fence. Particulars apply to. Lloyd VanRoeman, Woodrow, W. Va.

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FARM FOR SALE—200 acres on Cloverlick, good rich land, about 70 acres in sod. Balance cut overland, but has a lot of good timber on it. House, barn, and fine water. Ellis M. Buzzard, Huntersville, W. Va.

Money to Loan at 5 1-2 percent The Pocahontas County Farm Loan Association of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, has money to loan to farmers on farm land, on easy terms. Call on the undersigned and fill out an application blank. P. T. WARD, Sec.-Treas.

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For Sale Black Percheron Mares 3 years old weight about 1200 pounds, price \$125.00. Martin Judy, Cass, W. Va.

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Grazing Farm for Sale 70 acres more or less, of the John Adam McNeel land on Laurel Creek; fine grass land. All in sod; big barn, comfortable house and outbuildings, well watered. Apply to ELMER BAXTER, Woodrow, W. Va.

FOR RENT Boarding house at Raywood, W. Va. For particulars apply to. Warn Lumber Corp., Raywood, W. Va.

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